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Claims 20-21 have been cancelled. Therefore, the outstanding rejection under 35 USC 101 is now moot.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

In making these rejections, it was stated that there is no support for the recitation of "an auxiliary data symbol not transform coded", as now recited in the claims.

In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that there is support for this recitation. On page 2, second paragraph, the present application discloses that the invention differs from the prior art in that data symbols are directly represented by specific values without first transforming the data. Therefore, this supports the recitation of "an auxiliary data symbol not transform coded", as recited in the claims.

Moreover, Figure 2 of the present application also supports this point. As can be seen from Figure 2, there is no transform processing shown at the input or output of the symbol generator 8. Thus, it is evident that the auxiliary data message XD is provided to the data symbol generator 8 unchanged. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that there is support for the recitation of "an auxiliary data symbol not transform coded" in the present application.


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In view of the above, reconsideration of the rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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